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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON SPAIN'S AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO THE EC

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1. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS  
RAIMUNDO BASSOLS JACAS HAS BEEN SELECTED BY GOS FORMIN TO  
REPLACE ULLASTRES AS AMBASSADOR TO THE EC, BUT APPOINTMENT  
STILL AWAITING APPROVAL OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. BASSOLS  
INFORMED EMBOFF HE EXPECTS APPROVAL WILL BE FORTHCOMING  
SOON, AND HE PLANS TO ARRIVE IN BRUSSELS ABOUT MID-NOVEMBER.

2. BASSOLS HAS BEEN INTIMATELY ENGAGED IN SPANISH-EC NEGOTIATIONS SINCE 1971 AND IS WELL-KNOWN TO COMMISSION AND EC MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES. WHILE THE EMBASSY HAS FREQUENTLY DISCUSSED BROAD ECONOMIC ISSUES SUCH AS WORLD TRADE, CIEC, AND SPAIN'S ATTITUDES AND POLICIES VIS-A-VIS THE EC WITH BASSOLS, THE BULK OF OUR DEALINGS WITH HIM IN RECENT YEARS HAS REVOLVED AROUND BILATERAL ISSUES, SUCH AS COUNTERVAILING DUTY AND ESCAPE CLAUSE CASES AND GSP ELIGIBILITY, WHERE SPAIN SEES US ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES AS INIMICAL TO SPANISH ECONOMIC INTERESTS. IN THESE ENCOUNTERS, BASSOLS HAS ALWAYS PRESENTED THE SPANISH POSITION FORCEFULLY AND WITH HIS CUSTOMARY DRAMATIC FLAIR, BUT HE HAS TENDED TO LAPSE INTO SOMEWHAT EMOTIONAL PLEAS FOR EQUITY OR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

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RATHER THAN THE LEGAL AND TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AT ISSUE.

NEVERTHELESS,WE HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND  
RELIABLE.

3. BASSOLS IS A CATALAN, BORN IN BARCELONA IN 1926.  
HE RECEIVED LAW DEGREES FROM THE UNIVERSITIES OF  
BARCELONA AND BOLOGNA AND IS A GRADUATE OF THE SPANISH  
DIPLOMATIC SCHOOLS. UPON ENTERING THE DIPLOMATIC  
SERVICE IN 1954, HE WORKED ON BILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIA-  
TIONS WITH GERMANY, SWITZERLAND, GREAT BRITIAN AND ITALY.  
HE THEN SERVED IN CONSULAR AND COMMERICAL POSITIONS IN  
PARIS, SANTIAGO, MONTEVIDEO, BUENOS AIRES, BONN, AND  
FROM 1968 TO1971 AS COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR IN WASHINGTON.  
SINCE 1971, BASSOLS HAS BEEN FIRST DEPUTY AND THEN  
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFIARS IN THE FOREIGN  
MINISTRY. HE SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, AND  
ITALIAN. BASSOLS IS MARRIED TO MARIA DELGADO SUAREZ  
AND HAS THREE DAUGHTERS. MRS. BASSOLS IS AN INTELLIGENT,  
LIVELY CATALAN, WHO IS KNOWN AS A GRACIOUS HOSTESS AND  
AN ARDENT BRIDGE FAN. SHE ALSO SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH.  
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